

CHAPTER NO. 134

HOUSE BILL NO. 3384

By Representatives Hargett, Pleasant

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3384

By Senators Person, Kyle, Leatherwood

AN ACT to amend Chapter 55 of the Private Acts of 1993; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Charter of the City of Bartlett.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 55 of the Private Acts of 1993, and any acts amendatory thereto, is amended in Article III, Section 1, by deleting the Section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Officers to be elected. Terms of Office. There shall be elected by the qualified voters of the City of Bartlett, a Mayor and six Aldermen in a non-partisan, at-large, general municipal election. The Mayor and Aldermen shall be elected for terms of four (4) years and each shall hold their office until their successor is elected and qualified. It is the intent of this Charter to designate the existing six (6) Aldermanic positions as positions one (1) through six (6). In filing for election any candidate for Alderman or Mayor shall select and identify the position sought. The Mayor and all Aldermen shall be elected from the City-at-Large and one (1) Alderman shall be elected to each position. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes in an election for each designated position shall be declared elected as Mayor and Aldermen. In the event of a tie vote in any Mayor or Alderman's election, the incumbent Board shall decide which of the candidates shall serve. The Mayor at the first regular meeting after each general election and swearing-in shall appoint from the Board's membership a Vice-Mayor for a term of two (2) years. The Board shall also elect from its membership a register for a term of four (4) years. At the regular November election held in 1994, elections shall be held for the position of Mayor and Aldermen's positions 1, 2, & 3. Persons elected on that date shall serve four (4) year terms. At the regular November election held in 1996, elections shall be held for Aldermanic positions 4, 5 & 6. Persons elected on that date shall serve four (4) year terms. Such staggered elections shall continue thereafter.

SECTION 2. Chapter 55 of the Private Acts of 1993, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended in Section 7(b) by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Procedure for filling the vacancy in office of Vice-Mayor. When the Vice-Mayor assumes the office of Mayor, or when his term as Vice-Mayor expires, or if the Alderman serving as Vice-Mayor should vacate his/her office for any other reason, so that the office of a Vice-Mayor is vacant, the Mayor within thirty (30) days after such vacancy occurs, shall appoint from the membership of the Board a Vice-Mayor to serve for the unexpired term of the Vice-Mayor who has vacated the office.

SECTION 3. Chapter 55 of the Private Acts of 1993, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended in Section 7(d) by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Procedure for filling vacancy in the office of Alderman. Within thirty (30) days after a vacancy occurs in the office of Alderman, the Board shall appoint to such office a citizen, who would be eligible for election thereto, to serve the office of Alderman until the next regular November General Election, at which time an election will be held to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Body of the City of Bartlett. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the Presiding Officer of the City of Bartlett and certified to the Secretary of State.


SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 4.

PASSED: March 18, 1998


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 30th day of March 1998


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR